



STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES
P.O. Box 45010, Olympia, Washington 98504-5010

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Dear Washington Submitter/Provider,

This Summer the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, in conjunction with our contracted vendor, ACS EDI Gateway, Inc. of Tallahassee, Florida, invites you to participate in local provider Electronic Data Interchange training sessions held in your area.

Why should you attend?

- To understand what to expect in the months ahead (i.e., How Washington electronic Medicaid claims will be paid and how transactions will occur following **HIPAA implementation**).
- To review the HIPAA legislation and the components of Administrative Simplification, detailing each transaction with its purpose, use, and type of data elements encountered in each.
- To understand the basics of electronic data interchange with ACS EDI Gateway.
- To understand the enrollment process of becoming a submitter, the community outreach initiatives, and services that ACS EDI Gateway performs for its customers.
- To learn of coming innovations in electronic claim submission and payments that will provide you with an expanded access to critical business information.
- To have an opportunity to ask questions regarding changes and what they mean to you.
- To understand what changes will be implemented in the future.

For technical information, **Companion Guides** and details about EDI enrollment and testing, go to http://www.acs-gcro.com/Medicaid_Accounts/medicaid_accounts.htm.

For other information regarding the Washington State DSHS/MAA HIPAA Project, go to <http://maa.dshs.wa.gov/dshshipaa/>.

Regards,
Washington State DSHS HIPAA Project

attachment: Electronic Data Interchange Training Sessions schedule



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Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Training Sessions

Information sessions will be held throughout the state from **July 21 through August 7**. Each session will be four (4) hours in length, and at some locations, you can attend a morning or afternoon session (*). Please select one of the sixteen sessions scheduled, and join us at a location most convenient for you.

JULY

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
21	22	23	24	25
Seattle * Radisson Hotel 17001 Pacific Hwy S 4 sessions available: 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm	Seattle * Radisson Hotel 17001 Pacific Hwy S 4 sessions available: 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm	Mount Vernon Best Western 2300 Market St. 1 session: 1pm-5pm	Tacoma * Sheraton Hotel 1320 Broadway Plaza 2 sessions available: 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm	Olympia DSHS/OB-2 Auditorium 1115 S. Washington 1 session: 8am-12pm
28	29	30	31	
Port Angeles Peninsula College 1502 E. Lauridsen Blvd 1 session: 8am-12pm	Aberdeen Aberdeen High School 212 3rd St. 1 session: 8am-12pm	Vancouver Hudson Bay High School 1206 E. Reserve St. 1 session: 8am-12pm		

AUGUST

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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				Benton * Benton PUD 2721 W. 10th Ave. 2 sessions available: 8am-12pm & 1pm-5pm
4	5	6	7	8
Yakima Doubletree Hotel 507 N 1st St. 1 session: 8am-12pm	Wenatchee Eagles Lodge 1510 9th St. 1 session: 8am-12pm		Spokane Spokane Conf. Center West 334 Spokane Falls Blvd. 1 session: 8am-12pm	

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*Thank you for accepting this opportunity
to learn of the changes that will be taking place in your community.*

* Morning and afternoon sessions available.